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SUBJECT: SCHWEBEL CANDIDACY FOR ILC

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1. YOU SHOULD REPLY TO RECENT GOB PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT SCHWEBEL ILC CANDIDACY DURING 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RETURN FOR US SUPPORT OF BOLIVIAN CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT IN 32ND UNGA AS FOLLOWS.

2. WHILE USG GREATLY APPRECIATES PROPOSED GOB SUPPORT FOR SCHWEBEL CANDIDACY, WE ARE NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL SO FAR IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL ELECTIONS. AS INDICATED IN DEPT'S NOTE OF AUG 27, 1976 TO BOLIVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON CONCERNING BOLIVIA'S SC CANDIDACY, IT IS CUSTOMARY US PRACTICE TO DEFER TAKING POSITION ON ELECTIONS TO UN BODIES UNTIL REGIONAL GROUPS DIRECTLY CONCERNED HAVE INDICATED PREFERENCES.

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3. FYI. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN 1977 SECURITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS SEEMS PREMATURE AT BEST. IN ANY EVENT WE WILL
BE GUIDED BY CUSTOMARY PRACTICE AS ABOVE. IN YOUR DIS-
CRETION, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT WE WILL BE FOLLOWING THE

BOLIVIAN SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACY WITH INTEREST AND
WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ITS PROGRESS.

4. ILC ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY
NOVEMBER. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MORE ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES
(NONE FROM BOLIVIA) THAN LATIN AMERICAN SEATS AT STAKE,
LA GROUP HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHICH CANDIDATES TO ENDORSE.
END FYI. ROBINSON

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